

**Mountain View School District
COVID-19 Mitigation Protocols
School Year 2021-2022**

***Effective August 24, 2021**

This information is to provide faculty, staff, and students in the Mountain View School District face covering/mask protocols and other important safety information for the 2021-2022 school year in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. These protocols may be revised by the District's Health and Safety Plan team or Superintendent at any time based on PA Department of Education (PDE) and the PA Department of Health (DOH) guidelines/recommendations/mandates, as well as local conditions within the county and school buildings.

MASKS/FACE COVERINGS

- The District recommends that all vaccinated and unvaccinated students and staff to wear masks until such time as the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), revises or eliminates its guidelines pertaining to masks in schools. While no PA State mask mandate is currently in place, the wearing of masks will be at the discretion of each individual. This protocol will be frequently evaluated based on local (county and school) conditions with regards to COVID-19 transmission rates and current CDC guidelines.
- The Superintendent may temporarily mandate masks to be worn by all, vaccinated and unvaccinated, students, staff, and visitors during the school day and at extracurricular events if COVID-19 conditions within the County and/or school buildings warrant until such conditions permit the mandate to be lifted.
- Masks may be **mandatory** if Susquehanna County enters the "High" Level of transmission and/or if a school building has a rolling 14 day case number of 3 or more cases forcing it to close and move to virtual learning.
- Masks will not be required when students and staff are outdoors regardless of transmission level unless social distancing cannot be maintained. If proper social distancing cannot be maintained, masks may be required.
- As per the federal mandate, issued in January 2021, masks must be worn by all individuals while on public transportation regardless of vaccination status. This includes school buses and other school vehicles and includes transportation to any school sponsored event. Drivers are permitted to remove their mask when there are no passengers on the bus or in the vehicle.
- The District has purchased masks to ensure that every student and staff member will have access to one on an as needed basis. Employees and students will receive a review on the proper wearing of masks. Staff members will also monitor students to ensure proper mask wearing.

- The District is requesting proof of COVID-19 vaccination from all vaccinated employees for possible future contact tracing purposes. Students are encouraged to share proof of vaccination with administration if exposed as a possible close contact.

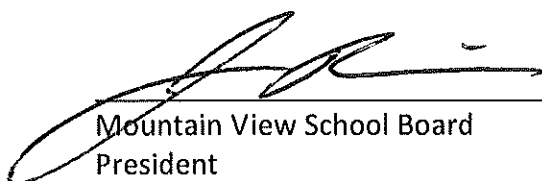
PHYSICAL DISTANCING: The District will use 3 feet physical distancing to the greatest extent feasible. The building principals will utilize many common areas as extra instructional teaching spaces to maximize physical and social distancing. The cafeteria, gymnasium, library and auditorium will be considered as additional space as needed. Extra furniture and supplies will be removed to maximize distancing opportunities.

HAND SANITIZING: The District will provide hand sanitizer for all classrooms, in hallways, and the common areas (main office and main lobby areas). Students will be taught handwashing and respiratory etiquette at certain points of the school year.

QUARANTINING/CONTACT TRACING: The District will follow the most recent PA DOH quarantine and contact tracing protocols and guidelines. The LEA will follow the PA Department of Health guidance for close contacts who are fully vaccinated and CDC guidance if both the infected student and close contact(s) are masked. The District will require isolation and quarantine of the infected individuals and close contacts, if necessary. The superintendent or his designee will work in consultation with the PA DOH to determine when school closures are necessary.


FACILITY CLEANING AND SANITIZING: Our high traffic areas (counters, tables, door knobs and water foundations) will continue to be sanitized throughout the day. Teachers will open windows during the day to help with ventilation when weather permits. High grade air filters are currently being used and are changed quarterly. All cleaning supplies and disinfectants meet the CDC guidelines. All classroom and high traffic areas are byoglobed every day. All buses are sanitized before and after each bus run.

***COVID-19 Testing Program:** The District, if provided with the opportunity to do so by the PA DOH, will evaluate the opportunity to conduct diagnostic and screening testing on the school district campus for students and staff.



Mountain View School Board
President

08-23-2021
Date:



Mountain View School District
Superintendent

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